

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-30. (canceled)

31. (new) In a computer, a method for preventing windows from being displayed comprising:

detecting a launching of a new window;

consulting a changeable set of criteria to determine if the window is of a certain type;

allowing the window to be displayed if the window is of a first type; and

preventing the window from being displayed if the window is of a second type and not of the first type;

wherein the second type includes a window launched when a web site is exited.

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detecting a launching of a new window;

consulting a changeable set of criteria to determine if the window is of a certain type;

allowing the window to be displayed if the window is of a first type; and

preventing the window from being displayed if the window is of a second type and not of the first type;

wherein the second type includes a window navigating to an About:Blank.

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allowing the window to be displayed if the window is of a first type; and

preventing the window from being displayed if the window is of a second type and not of the first type;

wherein the second type includes a window launched within a short period of time after a user navigates to another web page.

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detecting a launching of a new window;

consulting a changeable set of criteria to determine if the window is of a certain type;

allowing the window to be displayed if the window is of a first type; and

preventing the window from being displayed if the window is of a second type and not of the first type;

wherein the second type includes a window launched by another window that is to be closed.